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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	<b>STORAGE SYSTEM AND STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE</b>		

Enclosed are:

- 22 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
- Request for Priority to claim the priority date of September 16, 2003.
- An Unexecuted Declaration.
- An Information Disclosure Statement
- The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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